South Africa before January 10. An additional New South Wales battery of artillery is to sail

BRITISH DEATH LIST GROWING. London, Dec. 18.-The War Office this evening posted a revised list of the casualties in the battle of Magersfontein, giving fifty-one additional killed.

ADMIRAL BERESFORD'S ADVICE. London, Dec. 18 .- Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford is quoted in an interview to-day as

The issue of the war will depend more upon The issue of the war will depend more upon artillery than anything else, especially at the siege of Pretoria and other places, where the biggest battles are expected. Therefore I urge that all the naval guns which can be spared from the reserves and other ships be mounted on artillery trails and limbers for field service immediately. This move is necessary, as there

on artillery trails and limbers for heid service immediately. This move is necessary, as there are no quick firing 12-pounders of twelve hundredweight in the army.

The Government should immediately commission every ship in Division A of the Navy, as a gedful precaution against any nation seeking to take advantage of Great Britain's condition. No friendly nation could object. It would only be running water through hosepipes so as to prepare for fire.

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I am greatly pleased to see Generals Roberts
and Kitchener go to the aid of General Buller.

MR. BALFOUR DINES WITH THE QUEEN. London, Dec. 18.-The Queen passed a quiet day at Windsor. She took an airing in the sternoon. It is said Her Majesty may leave Windsor for Osborne, Isle of Wight, on December 29.

A. J. Balfour dined with the Queen this even-

MR. GOSCHEN TO THE VOLUNTEERS. London, Dec. 18.-George J. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, when distributing medals to volunteers and riflemen in London this even-

ing, said:

1 little thought when I accepted this invitation that I would address men to whom an appeal had been made to stand shoulder to shoulder with the regulars in South Africa. The possession of 250,000 volunteers will be regarded by the country, I am sure, as a great element of security, and I am confident that they are all prepared to do their duty.

The colonies also are prepared to do their share, and Canada and Australia are to the fore, welcoming the opportunity to go to the front. (Enthusiastic cheering.)

After praising the great services of the naval brigades assisting the troops in South Africa, and testifying to the constant anxiety of naval men to be in the thick of the fighting, Mr. Goschen said:

It is impossible to grant their desires, although these soldiers and sailors would be glad to go to South Africa in thousands, because, when one hundred and twenty thousand regulars have left our shores, the responsibility for the efficiency of our navy will be immensely ingressed.

I believe the preparedness of the navy has contributed essentially to assist Britons to remain calm and confident, despite the black out-

we have not only to look at South Africa, but at the situation and at possible emergencies all around; and, without being an alarmist I would insist that we must sacrifice much to the im-perative duty that every ship be fully and

Mr. Goschen concluded with an eloquent tribute to the unanimity of the country and the colonies in supporting the Government in a

LORD ROBERTS TO SAIL SATURDAY.

London, Dec. 18 .- General Lord Roberts and his staff sail for South Africa on the Dunottar

Cairo, Dec. 18 .- General Lord Kitchener, who has been appointed chief of the staff of General Lord Roberts, of Candahar, the new Commander in Chief of the British forces in South Africa, will leave Omdurman on Tuesday and will arrive here on Friday. He will start for Cape Town as soon as possible.

CONSUL HOLLIS ARRIVES AT PRETORIA.

Washington, Dec. 18.-United States Consul Hollis has sent a cable dispatch to the State Department announcing his arrival at Pretoria this orning. He will act as consul there until the arrival of Adelbert Hay. Mr. Macrum, whom he relieves at Pretoria, was to sail to-day from Lourenco Marques.

GREAT WORLD WAR PREDICTED. DR. E. B. ANDREWS SAYS IT WILL FOLLOW ENG-LAND'S SUCCESS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Chicago, Dec. 18 .- 'If Great Britain is ultimately successful in South Africa the Powers of the world will unite to resist successfully her advance. A coalition will be formed against British domination, and when this war of the nations comes, which side will the United States take? We must take one side or the other. That will be a sad day for our Nation. Yet I say we never have got into a scrape yet that we did not get out of, and as a prophetic American I tell you we never shall." The foregoing statement was made by Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, former president of Brown University and now Superintendent of the Chicago public schools, in his address on "The War in South Africa" at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last evening. Dr. Andrews startled his hearers by the declaration that international war was inevitable and would follow the success of Great Britain in the Boer war. He announced that from the moment Krüger's followers surrendered. England necessarily would come in conflict with the other Powers in carrying out her plans of colonization. He declared that clashes would follow the attempt to build the Cape-to-Cairo Railroad, and that the contemplated effort of Great Britain to build a railroad from the Suez Caral to Bombay, which would give that nation a direct means of throwing minitions of war into the lands about the head waters of the Euphrates, would be resisted. our Nation. Yet I say we never have got into a

URGED TO PRESS ARBITRATION.

George W. Van Sicien has sent the following The Hon. William McKinley, President, Washington, D. C.

we do not desire England ruined. On behalf of large numbers of American citizens, probably the large numbers of American citizens, probably the majority, I beg you to press arbitration upon Great Britain. Her war with South African Republic Britain. Her war with South African Republic Was a mistake. You can act under Article III of Peace Convention of The Hague, Respectfully, GEORGE W. VAN SICLEN.

LIVELY SCENES IN DUBLIN.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN RECEIVES HIS DEGREE -STUDENTS ATTACK THE MANSION HOUSE.

Dublin, Dec. 18.-At Trinity College this afternoon the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Joseph Chamberlain, the British Secretary of State for the Colonies. There was a brilliant assemblage at the ceremony. The undergraduates gathered on the college grounds and sang patriotic songs. Then they sallied to College Green, cheering vociferously and carrying the royal standard and the Union Jack. The latter was captured by the police, much to the annoyance of the students, who made a desperate effort to recapture the Union Jack, but the police were too strong for them. In the mean time a hostile crowd had assembled on College Green and more stringent measures were taken to keep the students within

Mr. Chamberlain and his wife and Lady Betty Baltour when driving to the college were cheered at some points. But there was a noticeable difference of opinion among the crowds lining the streets. While the procession was passing from the provost's residence to Examination Hall the cheering was deafening. The students lined the passage and held aloft Union Jacks under which the procession passed. Mr. Chamberlain appeared thoroughly to enjoy the demonstration. As the procession entered the hall all the people present rose and cheered Mr. Chamberlain.

At the close of the ceremony Mr. Chamberain, in response to the cries of the students. said they had met under very disappointing circumstances. If the arrangement had been recent, he added, he would not have chosen the present occasion to receive the honor from the university. Their minds, Mr. Chamberlain continued, were solemnized by the serious news tinued, were solemnized by the serious news from South Africa, but England had always been accustomed to hold her own in adversity. He was old enough to remember the Crimea and the earlier period of the Indian Mutiny, when England met with greater disasters than she had just experienced, but eventually the nation sprang to its feet and recovered its equanimity, and no doubt, it would do so again. In conclusion Mr. Chamberiain exhorted the students, now that he was one of their Doctors, to practise the virtues of toleration and patience.

The students later made a demonstration at The students later made a they tore the green Corporation flag to shreds and caused other damage, the police being forced to intervene. The students, who numbered about one hundred and fifty, beat the caretaker, who attempted to protect the Corporation flag.

BAD GENERALSHIP BLAMED. HOW ONE AMERICAN OFFICER LOOKS ON GEN ERAL BULLER'S LOSS OF GUNS.

Army officers at Governor's Island that the loss of British guns in the recent reverse suffered by General Buller must be put down to bad general ship, and nothing else. One officer said yesterday

ship, and nothing else. One officer said yesterday:
When light artillery goes into action the first
thing that should be done is to remove the horses
and the caissons, which contain in the ammunition
the only reserve which artillery has of liself to
fall back on to a place of safety. That is a rudimentary principle. Without horses light artillery
is helpless, as it cannot be moved by hand. Colonel
Long, who commanded the artillery in the action,
did not do this. He went slapdash in the face of
the enemy, without looking out for the safety of
his horses. Naturally, the Boers picked off the
animals with enthusiasm. That left the artillery
high and dry, and the guns were lost. It was an
lnexcusable error.

That piece of work brings out strongly the fault
that has been conspicuous in the generalship of

Inexcusable error.

That piece of work brings out strongly the fault that has been conspicuous in the generalship of the British from the first. They reem to pay no attention to reconnoitring, and I think to that may be credited the Boer successes. Reconnoissance is one of the first necessities of an army marching into a hostile country. Every inch of ground should be learned far in advance, and the army should feel its way along by scouts. Then it will not fall into traps and ambuscades. This the British do not seem to have done. They have walked into the snares set for them as innocently as did Custer when his command was surrounded and massacred by the Indians. I verily believe that if Custer had lived he would have been court martialled. He walked into a trap without investigating beforehand, and the extinction of his command was due to just that want of caution. I have said before that the British are suffering chiefly from lack of information about the Boers and the nature of the Transvani country. They allowed the nature of the Transvani country. They thought they could rush the Boers in the way they did the Dervishes, and thus the magnificent bravery and fighting qualities of the British troops went for naught. The Boer has not only all the bravery and endurance and the subtle craft and cunning skill for constructing ambuscades which characterize the American Indian, but he has also a superior intelligence, and those qualities make—a combination for fighting that is hard to beat. The a superior intelligence, and those qualities make -a combination for fighting that is hard to beat. The British have found that they were barking up the wrong tree when they set the Boers down as easy victims.

As to the British tactics when once in battle I can say nothing, because I am not on the ground.

GIFTS TO THE BOER FUND.

George W. Van Sielen, of No. 141 Broadway, treasurer of the American fund for widows and orphans of Boers, acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions: A friend, \$250; A. P. Lambrecht, \$3; C. C. Morrison, \$1; Robert B. Rooseveit, \$50; total, \$309.

VIOLATION OF ANTI-TRUST LAW ALLEGED.

CHARGES AGAINST GENERAL ELECTRIC AND WESTINGHOUSE COMPANIES PRESENTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIGGS.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Daniel M. O'Callaghan, an attorney at law, of New-York City, to-day filed attorney at law, of New-York City, to-day filed with the Attorney General charges alleging that an agreement in violation of the Anti-Trust law existed between the General Electric and Westinghouse Electric companies. He asked that an action be instituted in New-York against the companies. The Attorney General listened to Mr. O'Cailaghan's presentation, but reserved his decision. The charges alleged that a board of control of representatives of the two companies existed for the regulation of prices.

KENTUCKY CONGRESS ELECTION.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 18.-At the special electio: Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 18.—At the special election in the VIIth Kentucky Congress District to-day to choose a successor to the late Congressman Evan E. Settle, June W. Gayle (Dem.), of Owen County, was elected over ex-Congressman W. C. Owens, who ran as the fusion candidate of the anti-Goebel Democrats and Republicahs. About two-thirds of the usual vote was polled. At Gayle's headquarters his majority is placed at 3,000.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR. Albany, Dec. 18.—Governor Roosevelt has ap-ointed Frederick W. Devoe, of New-York City, a commissioner of the New-York and New-Jersey



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GILLMORE AND HIS MEN RESCUED.

NOW BELIEVED TO BE IN THE HANDS OF UNITED STATES TROOPS.

Manila, Dec. 19.-It is officially announced that General Young reports that he believes the American prisoners, including Lieutenant Gillmore, are now in the hands of the United

Lieutenant Colonel Howze and Major Hunter have been operating with small commands in North Hocos Province, and it is supposed that one of these has effected the release of the Americans.

The report has not yet been verified.

THE OPERATIONS IN LUZON.

GENERAL LAWTON STARTS ON ANOTHER EXPEDITION-AGUINALDO'S STEAMER.

Manila, Dec. 18.-General Lawton will start to-night from Manila with the 11th Cavalry, under Colonel Lockett, and battalions of the 29th and 27th Infantry, under Lieutenant Colonel Sargent, to capture San Mateo, where Geronomo has three hundred insurgents.

General Grant has nearly cleared Zambales He discovered hidden in Subig Bay a steamer, the Don Francisco, of 180 tons, fully equipped and coaled. She is supposed to be the vessel Aguinaido was keeping ready for his

Captain Layson, of the 324 Regiment, routed an insurgent band in Zambales Province, killing several officers. Major Smith, with three companies of the 17th, surrounded and captured as which were intimidating a large section north. The troops killed several of the band.

General Hughes has captured insurgent strongholds at Leapiz and Rombion, the Navy co-operating. One man was killed and one The insurgents in the island of Panay are apparently suppressed.

YORKTOWN PRISONERS HEARD FROM ELEVEN OF THE FIFTEEN MEN STILL ALIVE.

Washington, Dec. 18.-Encouraging news reached the Navy Department to-day from Admiral Watson at Manila respecting the members of the crew of the Yorktown's boat party which landed at Baler last spring. The report gives the account of a sailor of the party who has made his way to Manila, and it shows that eleven of the original party of fifteen are still Rynders, who brings this news, was coxswain of the Yorktown, a native of Amsterdam, but a resident of San Francisco, where he shipped. The four dead men mentioned enlisted at the following points: Nygard, a Russian, at Brooklyn; McDonald, of Carmel Valley, Cal., at Mare Island; Dillon, a native of Peru, Ind., at Mare Island, and Morrissey, a native o Columbus, Neb., also at Mare Island. Admiral Watson's dispatch is as follows:

Manila, December 17.

Seaman Rynders, of the Yorktown, captured at Baler, recaptured with Woodbury by cavalry at Bayombong, has reported on board the flagship; both wounded when Gilmore was taken and left behind; he reports Nygard, McDonald Manila, December 17. at Bayombong, has reported on board the hag-ship; both wounded when Gilmore was taken and left behind; he reports Nygard, McDonald, Dillon and Morrissey killed. Rynders, Woodbury and Venville wounded in foot, unable to travel. Doing well Baler, June 15. Expect Woodbury to-morrow; wounded not cared for, wounds re-ceived personal care. Woodbury and Rynders walked nearly to Manila.

OTIS REPORTS ON OPERATIONS. Washington, Dec. 18 .- General Otis to-day sent the following dispatch to the War Depart-

ment:

Hughes reports from Romblon Island his arrival at Capiz, Northern Panay, 10th inst., driving out all Tagalos. Carpenter, with six companies, is occupying Northern Panay, two companies on Romblon Island. Hughes, with battalion 19th Infantry, has gone to Cebu to police that Island. Young, Northern Luzon, reports several minor engagements, with few casualties. Colonel Hare, with small column, still in pursuit of insurgents' column which has the American prisoners, nas passed through mountains and is marching on Pampiona, short distance east of Aparri, Navy co-operating. Seven hundred and thirty-one Spanish prisoners arrived last evening; five hundred more expected to-day; fourteen hundred leave for Spain this afternoon.

THE DEATH OF MAJOR LOGAN. MEN ACCUSED OF CIRCULATING STORIES THAT HE WAS MURDERED DISCHARGED.

Washington, Dec. 18.-General Shafter at San Francisco to-day telegraphed to the War Depart-

In the matter of the steries concerning Major Logan's death, the matter has been carefully investigated, and as a result I have, according to the direction of the Secretary of War, ordered Koppitz discharged, also Second Steward Englan. Full report mailed to-day.

Koppitz was accused of circulating stories to the effect that Major Logan was shot by his own men

A BOY'S HEAD CUT OFF.

THE LAD WAS STRUCK BY A STATEN ISLAND RAPID TRANSIT TRAIN.

John Whear, nine years old, son of William H. Whear, a draughtsman of No. 21 Mersereau-ave., Port Richmond, Staten Island, was run over and nstantly killed at 5:50 o'clock last evening by an eastbound passenger train on the Rapid Transit Railroad. The accident happened at a trestle leadng to Starin's shipyard, West New-Brighton,

The boy's father had sent him on an errand to the shipyard, on the shore of the Kill von Kull, just cross the trestle when the engine loomed up to cross the trestle when the engine loomed up and it is said he hesitated for a moment and then made a dash, thinking he could cross in safety but the locomotive was upon him and struck him at full speed. His head was severed from the body, and both went rolling into the mud below. Coroner Tranter was sent for, and the body's body was recovered and removed to his home. Engineer Michael Hanlon said he did not see the boy before the locomotive struck him. The train was in charge of Conductor Lafayette Chandler.

PAID ADVANCED WAGES.

NEW PAYROLL SCHEDULE GOES INTO EFFECT IN NEW-ENGLAND.

ton. Dec. 18 -- An advance of 16 per cent f wages went into effect this morning in many The increase to-day affects from advance are Lowell, with about 18,000 oper atives; Augusta, Me., with 1,160; Lawrence, 12,600; Chicopee, 2,000; Biddeford, Me., 2,500, Manchester, N. H., nearly 15,000; Clinton, Mass., 2,500; Dover, 1.500; Newburyport, 500; Waterville, Me. 1.000; Lisbon, Me., 560; Brunswick, Me., 500; Hooksett, N. H., 500; Suncook, N. H., 1,500; Amesbury, 800, and Nashua, 1,500,

In addition an advance goes into effect in a number of the cotton mills of Central and Western Some of the woollen mills also increased wages

9 per cent this morning. These are outside of the American Woollen Company, which will make general advance on January 1.

Including the mills at which the advance took effect this week and those which made the in erease last Monday, practically all cotton manu ing centres are now under the new schedule Upward of 150,000 operatives have received an inrease, and it is estimated that at least \$100,000 a week has been added to the payrolls of the fac-

Pawtucket, R. L. Dec. 18.—Notices announcing general advance of 10 per cent in every department of the J. & P. Coates Thread Company were posted this morning. Employes to the number of 2.200 will be benefited by the advance. The Harrison Yarn Company to-day posted notices of an increase of 10 per cent, the advance to go into effect at once.

ELGIN COMPANY RAISES WAGES

Eigin, Ill., Dec. 18 (Special).-Announcemest, has een made by the management of the Elgio Naneen made by the management of the Eight Na-tional Watch Company that a new scale of wages will go in effect on January 1. The scale will ad-vance wages from 5 to 10 per cent. The force consists of over three thousand hands. The daily output has been increased to 2,000 movements.

CONGRESS ASKED TO THANK SCHLEY.

SENATOR PETTIGREW GIVES HIM THE CREDIT FOR DESTROYING CERVERA'S FLEET.

Washington, Dec. 18.-Senator Pettigrew, South Dakota, to-day introduced a joint resolution tendering to Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley and to the officers and men under his command the thanks of Congress "for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, as displayed by him in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off the har-bor of Santiago July 3, 1898." The resolution was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

SOL SMITH RUSSELL ILL.

BREAKS DOWN ON THE STAGE AND IS OBLIGED TO DISMISS THE AUDIENCE.

Chicago, Dec. 18.-Sol Smith Russell was obliged y illness to dismiss his audience at the Grand Opera House to-night. The breakdown occurred in the first act. Mr. Russell was standing behind a long table, the scene being that of a lawyer's Of a sudden it became apparent that he had lost his lines. His companion player in the scene tried to prompt him, but without success. scene tried to prompt him, but without success, Mr. Russell then rose, and in a weak voice, and with rather incoherent phrases, asked the audience to excuse him and to consider the performance ended. He bowed his head, and the curtain came down hurriedly, as two of his associates hastened to his side. He did not collapse utterly, however, as it was feared he would, but retired with little assistance to his dressing room, and a half hour later, in company with his wife and his manager. F. H. Berger, was driven to his hotel. It is said that his indisposition is only temporary. His malady is said by his manager to be nervous dyspepsia.

COLORED MEN LOSE THEIR SUIT.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In the United States Su-teme Court to-day Justice Harian handed down an opinion in the case of A. W. Cumming and others against the Board of Education of Richmond County, Georgia, which closed the colored high school in that county for want of funds, leaving a white high school still in existence. The suit was instituted for the purpose of securing an injunction to prevent the collection of taxes for the maintenance of the school system. Justice Harlan said that the education of the

MISSISSIPPI RIVER STEAMER BURNED.

NO LIVES LOST. BUT PROPERTY DESTROYED VALUED AT \$50,000.

New-Madrid, Mo. Dec. 18.—The steamer State of Kansas, of the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet Company, burned to the water's edge early Packet Company, burned to the water's edge early to-day while lying at the foot of Main-st. All the passengers escaped, but several hundred bales of passengers escaped, but several hundred bales of passengers escaped. The total loss is estimated at 160,000.

Justice Harlan said that the education of the young had been remitted to the several States, and should be generally left to their control. The Court had not been able to discover that the Supreme Court of Georgia had erred in refusing to grant an injunction. The School Board was confitned, he said, with the necessity of closing the colored high school, and turning the high school building over to the negro children of the Primary grades or leaving the latter without educational facilities. The Court failed to see that this was a violation of the XIVth Amendment of the Constitution. To close the public schools attended by the white children and thus deprive them of educational facilities. Justice Harlan said that the education of the Surface and should be generally left to their control. The court had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the Sucourt had not been able to discover that the S

OBITUARY.

MALCOLM GRAHAM.

Malcolm Graham, one of the foremost merchants of this city, died yesterday at his country home, in Rumson Road, near Sea Bright, N. J. Mr. Graham fell ill from typhoid fever early in September. His death was due to physical exhaustion.

Mr. Graham was born in 1832 in this city. His city home was at No. 13 West Seventeenth-st. His father, John Lorimer Graham, in his day was one of the most prominent lawyers in this city, and at one time was postmaster of New-York. Mr. Graham began his business career as a clerk with Smith, Young & Co., and about 1833 joined Marcel-lus Hartley and J. R. Schuyler in forming the firm of Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, which dealt in guns and ammunition for thirty-six years in the lower part of the city. The firm is now Hartley & Graham, of No. 313 and 315 Broadway. Mr. Graham was an officer of the Union Metallic

Cartridge Company, the Remington Arms Com-pany and the Bridgeport Gun Implement Com-

Cartridge Company, the Remington Arms Company and the Bridgeport Gun Implement Company. He was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Douglass, sister of Mrs. R. G. Dun. Three sons, Malcolin Graham, Robert D. Graham, John L. Graham, and one daughter, Mary Douglass Graham, were born to them. Mrs. Graham died many years ago. Mr. Graham married the widow of Benjamin M. Whitlock, a prominent merchant of this city, about twenty-five years ago. She and the children before named survive him. Mrs. Whitlock, at the time of her marriane to Mr. Graham, had two sons. They are General Benjamin M. Whitlock, who was a member of Governor Morton's staff, and C. H. Whitlock, banker and broker, at No. 52 Exchange Place.

Mr. Graham, although a man possessed of large wealth, was modest and retiring in his tastes and habits of Living. His chief interests, apart from business, were in church work and charities. Until recently he was one of the oldest and most active trustees of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Although he severed his relations recently as trustee of that church, together with his old friend, John Sloane, and several others, he never gave up his membership. It is said, however, that he became a regular attendant at the Brick Church, Fifth-ave. and Thirty-seventh-st. Mr. Graham's contributions of money for church and missionary work among the poor were large. He was a member of the Metropolitan, Union Lengue, Manhattan, Riding, Union, Century, Calumet, Law and other clubs. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

WILLIAM HENRY LEE.

William Henry Lee, a well known hotel man, was found dead in his room at his home, No. 18 West Thirty-second-st, yeaterday morning. Mr. Lee re-tired Sunday night, and, as was his habit, took a newspaper to his room. It is supposed that he sat down to read and was seized with an attack of vertigo. As he failed to appear yesterday morning, his son went to his room and found him lying on the floor. He had sustained a slight scalp wound,

his son went to his room and foliand which is thought to have been caused by his falling against a dresser as he tried to cross the room to call for help. A doctor was called and said that he had been dead for many hours.

Mr. Lee was fifty-four years old. He was born in Albany, but when twenty years old went to Pompton. N. J., where he became the manager of the Pompton Steel and Iron Works. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in a New-York regiment, in which his father was a captain. He came to this city after the war, and became the confidential bookkeeiper of Reed & Mitchell at the Hoffman House. In 1878 he became associated with the management of the Windsor Hotel. He superintended the building of the Langham Hotel, and was to manage it, but a misunderstanding arose and he brought suit, finally settling it on payment to him of one year's salary. He was afterward manager of the Victoria for several years, and then went to Tacoma to take charge of a hotel there. In 1891 he returned to this city and managed the Vendome. Then he went to the Imperial as manager. There he remained up to two months ago.

Mr. Lee married in 1809 Miss Harriet Ludium,

menths ago.

Mr. Lee married in 1869 Miss Harriet Ludium, of Wantage, N. Y. His widow and three sons survive him. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at Trinity Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Vibbert will conduct the service.

FRANCIS LUQUEER VAN BENSCHOTEN.

Word was received in this city yesterday that Francis Luqueer Van Benschoten, a former resident of this city, had died suddenly from pneumonia in Portland, Ore. Mr. Van Benschoten was born in New-York He was thirty-seven years old. His father was the late James Van Benschoten, of this city. The son was for many years a member of the 7th Regiment, and at the time of his discharge in 182 he was a sergeant in Company F. His mother, Mrs. Catherine I. Van Benschoten, of No. 176 West Eighty-sixth-st., survives him.

NICHOLAS J. VANDER WEYDE.

Nicholas J. Vander Weyde died at his home, No. 173 West Eighty-third-st., on Saturday, after an lliness of two weeks. Mr. Vander Weyde was the youngest son of the late Professor P. H. Vander Weyde, the scientist. He was born in Zierekzee Weyde, the scientist. He was born in Zierekzee, Holland, in 1845, and came to this country as a child with his parents. He was a graduate of Columbia and achieved reputation as a civil engineer and mathematician. For the last fourteen years and up to the time of his death he was connected with the Department of Docks, of this city. He was a member of Altair Lodge. Free and Accepted Masons, of Brooklyn, and the author of a book of Masonic odes. Mr. Vander Weyde leaves a widow and one son. Masonic funeral services were held at his home last evening and this more research. Masonic funeral services were held at his last evening, and this morning the body will nerated at the crematory, Fresh Pond, Long

NATIONAL CONVENTION HALL.

BELIEF THAT THE ONE IN PHILADELPHIA WILL SURPASS THOSE IN WHICH PREVIOUS

CONVENTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD. Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The auditorium in the main ilding of the recent National Export Exposition was to-day pronounced by Joseph H. Manley, chairman, and H. C. Hayne, of the sub-committee of the National Republican Committee, the finest hall ever elected for a National Republican Convention With Samuel Fessenden, a member of the National Committee from Connecticut, they visited the auditorium to-day, escorted by members of the local committee, which succeeded in bringing the conven-

John Birkenhine, the exposition architect, explained that as the auditorium now stands it will, seat comfortably five thousand persons. If all the available space is utilized the convention hall will provide thirty thousand square feet of room. He also said the reconstructed stage would hold twelve hundred persons, and Mr. Maniey said space would be required directly in front of the stage for 915 delegates. The committee expressed the opinion that with the improvements contemplated it would surpass any hall in which Republican National conventions have been held. For the accommodation of newspaper men it is proposed to erect a platform capable of holding about seven hundred persons, half way between the floor and the level of the stage. This will give the newspaper men every opportunity to hear and see.

Mr. Manley, in speaking of the arrangements for the representatives of the press, said: "There were too many newspaper men at St. Louis, Every country newspaper for 80 miles around had its representative in the hall. Personally I want to say that I am going to oppose giving the privilege of the convention floor to any but representatives of the metropolitan press."

Committeemen Payne and Fessenden left the John Birkenhine, the exposition architect, ex-

onvention floor to any but representatives of the metropolitan press."

Committeemen Payne and Fessenden left the city to-night. Before leaving they expressed themselvs as much pleased with the arrangements to be made for the convention by the local committees. In an interview Mr. Payne predicted a harmonious convention, and when asked as to whom he thought would be nominated for vice-president he said:

he thought would be nominated for the said:

"Sentiment around Wisconsin and in, in fact, all through the West is pronounced in favor of Secretary Root. The Western States, while they would naturally prefer a Western man ordinarily, are a unit for Secretary Root, and in order to have him they are perfectly satisfied to have the nomination come East. I am satisfied that Mr. Root will be nominated, and I base my belief on what I have seen and heard in the last few menths. Of course, there is no doubt about McKinley's renomination, and I should not be surprised to see both him and Secretary Root named by acclamation."

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE APPOINTED. Washington, Dec. 18.-Chairman Hanna, of the Republican National Committee, has appointed Perry S. Heath, Charles G. Dawes and Senator Shoup a committee on the distribution of literature as authorized by the National Committee.

EX-SENATOR GRAY CONFIRMED AS JUDGE. Washington, Dec. 18.—The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of George Gray, of Delaware, to be United States Judge for the HId Ju-dicial Circuit.

DIED UNDER CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. Rome, N. Y., Dec. 18.-In the case of Mrs. M. M. Davis, who died under Christian Science treatment the Coroner's verdict this evening states that death was hastened by the treatment, and it is recom mended that the District Attorney present the case

to the Grand Jury.

One of the principal witnesses at the Coroner's

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healer. Mrs. Davis died from paralysis of the heart. ASSESSMENTS TO AID STRIKERS.

FEDERATION OF LABOR PETURNS TO FORMER

Detroit, Dec. 18 .- A return to the former system of assessing all members of unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor for purposes of alding strikers in cases of necessity was de-

of alding strikers in cases of necessity was decided upon by the Federation convention this afternoon. The proposition was narrowly carried, receiving only two more votes than the rules require,
namely, two-thirds of the delegates present. Most
of the day was occupied by discussion of grievances in executive session.

The date for future conventions was changed
after considerable discussion from the first Thursday in December to the first Monday after the
first Thursday. The argument was made that the
doings of the Federation would receive more space
in the newspapers if the date of meeting were not
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